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COOPERATIVE SOCIETIES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Consumer Cooperative societies registered under Delhi Cooperative Societies Act and the Multi-State Cooperative Act in Delhi;

(b) the number of receipt of equal amount of grant as that of their shareholders contribution;

(c) the control of the Government on these societies;

(d) the aims and objectives of these societies;

(e) whether these societies have become the ground for the corrupt practices to the detriment of the consumers; and

(f) the steps taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SBPBK SATYANARAYANA RAO)

(a): The number of Consumer Cooperative Societies registered under the Delhi CooperativeSocieties Act is 570. The Cooperative Stores Limited (Super Bazar) and the National ConsumerCooperative Federation of India Limited, are registered under the Multi-State Cooperative Societies Act, 1984.

(b): As reported by the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi, 248 ConsumerCooperative Stores were given financial assistance of Rs.48.04 lakh as loan for share capital, working capital and marginal subsidy. As on 1.4.1999, out of total equity of Super Bazar, of Rs.158.58 (approx.) lakhs, Government of India contribution is Rs.116.49 lakhs. As on 1.4.1999, the outstanding loan of Government against Super Bazar is Rs.36.64 lakhs.

(c): The Multi-State Cooperative Societies are governed under the Multi-State CooperativeSocieties Act, 1984 and regulated by the Central Registrar as per provisions of the Act. The State Cooperative Societies are regulated under the Delhi Cooperative Societies Act, 1972 and regulated by the Registrar of Cooperative Societies, Delhi. The powers of the Central/State Governmentextend to issue directives, nomination on the Board of Directors etc.

(d): The aims and objectives of these Consumer Cooperative Societies are to undertake wholesale and retail distribution of consumer goods and essential commodities and to provide essential consumer items to the public at reasonable rates.

(e)&(f): Whenever any complaint of corrupt practices is received, necessary investigation./inquiry is carried out as per the provisions of the Cooperative Societies Act and Rules framed thereunder, or for that matter, any law for the time being in force.